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Applicant : Darryl E. Rubin et al.
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Interact With Both Content And User Interface By
Activating Links

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Sir:

We, DARRYL E. RUBIN, ANDREW C. BAIRD, JOHN L. BEEZER, JONATHAN C. CLUTS, and SUSAN D. WOOLF, hereby declare¹ that:

- 1) We are named as joint inventors of the above-captioned application, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/456,249, and all claims presently pending therein;
- 2) I, DARRYL E. RUBIN, am presently employed by Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft) and have been since June 1986. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified application.

¹ Each numbered declaration is a joint declaration unless an individual reference has been made. In such a case, the referenced individual is making the numbered declaration.

- 3) I, JONATHAN C. CLUTS, am presently employed by Microsoft and have been since October 1990. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified application.
- 4) I, SUSAN D. WOOLF, am presently employed by Microsoft and have been since October 1995. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified application.
- 5) We, ANDREW C. BAIRD and JOHN L. BEEZER, were formerly employed by Microsoft.
- 6) We were employed by Microsoft during development of the above-identified invention.
- 7) Prior to May 8, 1999, the earliest priority date of Bizweb2000.com – screenshots of an e-book, published 5/8/1999, pages 1-4 (“Bizweb2000 reference”), we conceived of and reduced to practice the invention recited in the claims of the above-captioned application.
- 8) Actual reduction to practice occurred prior to May 8, 1999, as is evidenced by screenshots in Exhibit A.
- 9) Support for claims 1-5 of the above-captioned application can be found, among other places, at least within Exhibit A prepared prior to May 8, 1999.
- 10) The attached Exhibit has not been altered since it was originally prepared.
- 11) Each of us individually represents that we are over 18 years of age and of competent mind.
- 12) All statements made of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statement so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A

Screenshots

From the Earth to the Moon

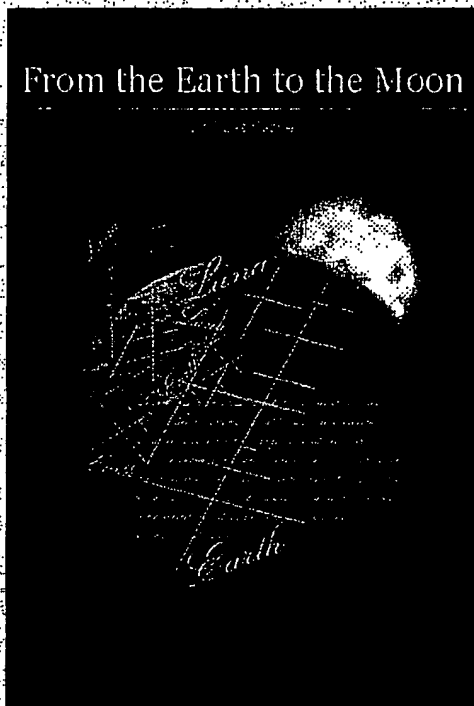


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Last Week....

Progress

- Drove ePad meeting with Darryl and got our overall design direction approved
- Continued daily meetings on ePad project
- Scheduled meeting with ePad and Neptune teams.
- With Drew, got ePad team up on RAID, and VSS.
- Got NT box in my office up and running, with ePad installed
- Met with Dave and others about team project archiving. Have defined

a basic strategy.

- Provided input in to Pam's home tour brainstorming meeting.
- Attended home scheduling meeting.
- Attended Legal briefing.
- Got briefed on current (and past) demo's produced by the team.

Priorities

- Drive graphic completion for current M2 features in ePad (11/4)
- Drive overall progress for ePad M2 milestone for PaulMa review (11/16)
- Produce first draft proposal for archiving (11/2)
- ePad proto and enter bugs in RAID (first pass 11/2 - ongoing)
- Provide direction and input for directs on projects (on going)
- Plan fun event at home (11/6)

Problems

- none

Postponed

- none

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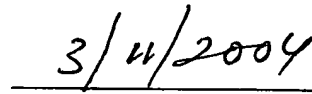
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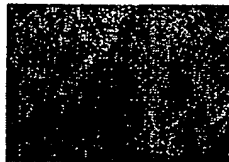
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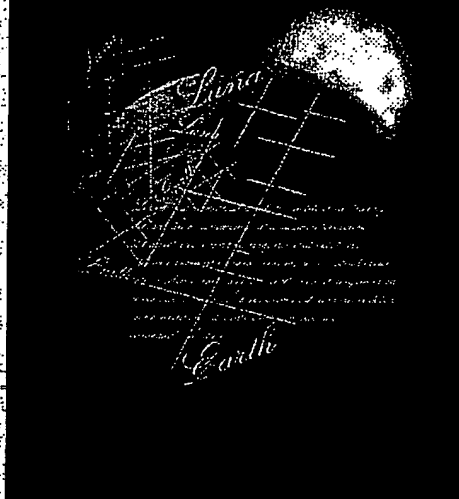


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"What demons you are!" cried Michel Ardan, when his companion had depicted this scene to him with much energy.

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Though Michel Ardan and he had crossed the plains still wet with dew, and had taken the shortest route over creeks and ricefields, they could not reach Skersnaw in

under five hours and a half.

Barbican must have passed the border half an hour ago.

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The worthy secretary of the Gun Club thought that his president must be known by all the world. But the bushman did not seem to understand him.

"A hunter?" said Ardan.

"A hunter? Yes," replied the bushman.

"Long ago?"

"About an hour."

"Too late!" cried Maston.

"Have you heard any gun?"

"No!"

"Not one?"

"Not one! that hunter did to hunt!"

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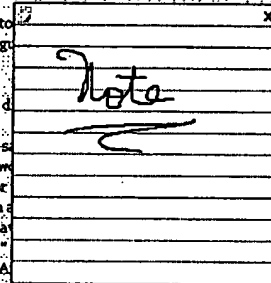
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than one in Barbican's."

"Forward, then," said Ardan.

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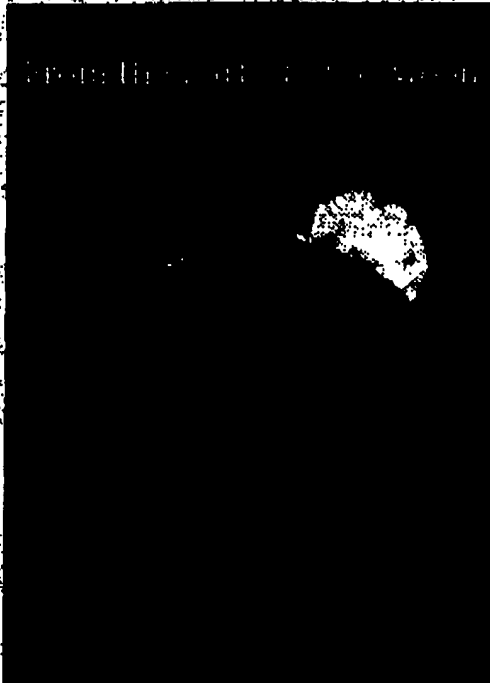


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"A leader? Why?" replied the bullfinch.

Long report:

*20-point cut better.

Two best-acted films

Have you heard any?

Figure 1

Not airtight

*Not subject to automatic extension

Abstract

What have we done?

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WAF could be used, but

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Sir:

We, DARRYL E. RUBIN, ANDREW C. BAIRD, JOHN L. BEEZER, JONATHAN C. CLUTS, and SUSAN D. WOOLF, hereby declare¹ that:

- 1) We are named as joint inventors of the above-captioned application, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/456,249, and all claims presently pending therein;
- 2) I, DARRYL E. RUBIN, am presently employed by Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft) and have been since June 1986. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified application.

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- 3) I, JONATHAN C. CLUTS, am presently employed by Microsoft and have been since October 1990. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified application.
- 4) I, SUSAN D. WOOLF, am presently employed by Microsoft and have been since October 1995. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified application.
- 5) We, ANDREW C. BAIRD and JOHN L. BEEZER, were formerly employed by Microsoft.
- 6) We were employed by Microsoft during development of the above-identified invention.
- 7) Prior to May 8, 1999, the earliest priority date of Bizweb2000.com – screenshots of an e-book, published 5/8/1999, pages 1-4 (“Bizweb2000 reference”), we conceived of and reduced to practice the invention recited in the claims of the above-captioned application.
- 8) Actual reduction to practice occurred prior to May 8, 1999, as is evidenced by screenshots in Exhibit A.
- 9) Support for claims 1-5 of the above-captioned application can be found, among other places, at least within Exhibit A prepared prior to May 8, 1999.
- 10) The attached Exhibit has not been altered since it was originally prepared.
- 11) Each of us individually represents that we are over 18 years of age and of competent mind.
- 12) All statements made of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statement so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing thereon.

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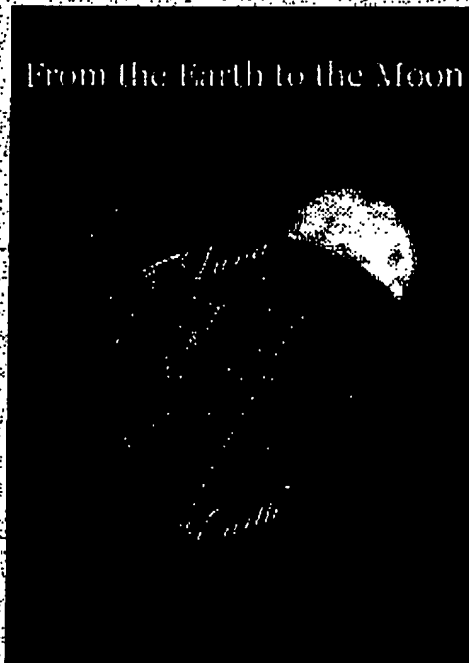


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Barbicans himself. If he is killed, then our scheme is at an end. We must prevent his duel; and one man alone has enough influence over Barbicans to stop him, and that man is Michel Ardan.

While J. T. Maston was speaking, Michel Ardan, without interrupting him, had hastily put on his clothes; and, in less than two minutes, the two friends were making for the suburbs of Tampa Town with rapid strides.

It was during this walk that Maston told Ardan the state of the case. He told him the real causes of the hostility between Barbicans and Nicholls; how it was of old date, and why, thanks to unknown friends, the president and the captain had, as yet, never met face to face. He added that it arose simply from a rivalry between iron plates and shot, and, finally, that the scene at the meeting was only the long-wished-for opportunity for Nicholls to pay-off an old grudge.

Nothing is more dreadful than private duels in America. The two adversaries attack each other like wild beasts. Then it is that they might well covet those wonderful properties of the Indians of the prairies—their quick intelligence, their ingenious cunning, their point of the eel. A single mistake, a moment's hesitation, a single false step may cause death. On these occasions Yankees are often accompanied by their dogs, and keep up the struggle for hours.

"What demons you are!" cried Michel Ardan, when his companion had depicted this scene to him with much energy.

"Yes, we are," replied J. T. modestly; "but we had better make haste."

Though Michel Ardan and he had crossed the plains still wet with dew, and had taken the shortest route over creeks and rick-paths, they could not reach Steamaw in

under five hours and a half.

Barbicans must have passed the border half an hour ago.

There was an old bushman working there, occupied in cutting fagots from trees that had been leveled by his axe.

Maston ran toward him, saying, "Have you seen a man go into the wood, armed with a rifle? Barbicans, the president, my best friend?"

The worthy secretary of the Gun Club thought that his president must be known by all the world. But the bushman did not seem to understand him.

"A hunter?" said Ardan.

"A hunter? Yes," replied the bushman.

"Long ago?"

"About an hour."

"Too late!" cried Maston.

"Have you heard any gun?"

"No!"

"Not one?"

"Not one! that hunter d to hunt!"

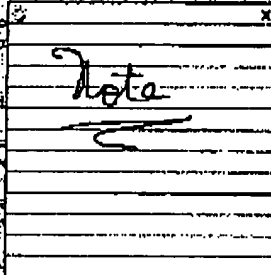
"What is to be done?"

"We must go into the wood which is not intended for

"Ah!" cried Maston, in taken. "I would rather have them one in Barbicans' hand."

"Forward, then," said A hand.

A few moments later the two friends had disappeared in the copse. It was a dense thicket, in which rose huge cypresses, sycamores, tulip-trees, olives, tamarinds, oaks,



Last Week...

Progress

- Drove ePad meeting with Darryl and got our overall design direction approved
- Continued daily meetings on ePad project
- Scheduled meeting with ePad and Neptuna teams.
- With Drew, got ePad team up on RAID, and VCS.
- Got NT box in my office up and running, with ePad installed
- Met with Dave and others about team project archiving. Have defined

a basic strategy.

- Provided input in to Pam's home tour brainstorming meeting.
- Attended home scheduling meeting.
- Attended Legal briefing.
- Got briefed on current (and past) demo's produced by the team.

Priorities

- Drive graphic completion for current M2 features in ePad (11/4)
- Drive overall progress for ePad M2 milestones for Paulina review (11/18)
- Produce first draft proposal for archiving (11/2)
- ePad proto and enter bugs in RAID (first pass 11/2 - ongoing)
- Provide direction and input for directs on projects (on going)
- Plan fun event at home (11/6)

Problems

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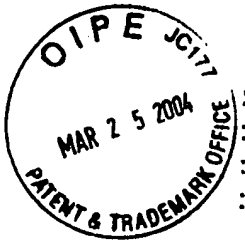


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Sir:

We, DARRYL E. RUBIN, ANDREW C. BAIRD, JOHN L. BEEZER, JONATHAN C. CLUTS, and SUSAN D. WOOLF, hereby declare¹ that:

- 1) We are named as joint inventors of the above-captioned application, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/456,249, and all claims presently pending therein;
- 2) I, DARRYL E. RUBIN, am presently employed by Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft) and have been since June 1986. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified application.

¹ Each numbered declaration is a joint declaration unless an individual reference has been made. In such a case, the referenced individual is making the numbered declaration.

- 3) I, JONATHAN C. CLUTS, am presently employed by Microsoft and have been since October 1990. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified application.
- 4) I, SUSAN D. WOOLF, am presently employed by Microsoft and have been since October 1995. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified application.
- 5) We, ANDREW C. BAIRD and JOHN L. BEEZER, were formerly employed by Microsoft.
- 6) We were employed by Microsoft during development of the above-identified invention.
- 7) Prior to May 8, 1999, the earliest priority date of Bizweb2000.com – screenshots of an e-book, published 5/8/1999, pages 1-4 ("Bizweb2000 reference"), we conceived of and reduced to practice the invention recited in the claims of the above-captioned application.
- 8) Actual reduction to practice occurred prior to May 8, 1999, as is evidenced by screenshots in Exhibit A.
- 9) Support for claims 1-5 of the above-captioned application can be found, among other places, at least within Exhibit A prepared prior to May 8, 1999.
- 10) The attached Exhibit has not been altered since it was originally prepared.
- 11) Each of us individually represents that we are over 18 years of age and of competent mind.
- 12) All statements made of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statement so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing thereon.

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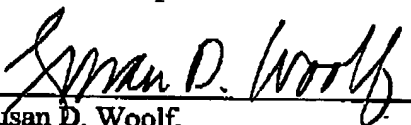
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Screenshots

From the Earth to the Moon



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Barbican himself. If he is killed, then our scheme is broken and we must prevent his duel, and one man alone has enough influence over Barbicans to stop him, and that man is Michel Ardan.

While T. T. Maston was speaking, Michel Ardan, without interrupting him, had hastily put on his gloves; and, in less than two minutes, the two friends were making for the suburbs of Tarpe Town with rapid strides.

It was during this walk that Maston told Ardan the state of the case. He told him the real causes of the hostility between Barbicans and Nicholl; how it was of old date, and why; thanks to unknown causes, the president and the captain had, as yet, never met face to face. He added that it arose simply from a rivalry between iron plates and shot, and, finally, that the scene of the meeting was only the long wished-for opportunity for Nicholl to pay off an old grudge.

Nothing is more dreadful than private duels in America. The two adversaries attack each other like wild beasts. Then it is that they might well enjoy those wonderful properties of the Indians of the prairie—their quick intelligence, their ingenious cunning, their sense of the enemy. A single mistake, a suspect's hesitation, a single false step may cause death. On these occasions Yankees are often accompanied by their dogs, and keep up the struggle for hours.

"What demands you are?" cried Michel Ardan, when his companion had depicted this scene to him with much energy.

"Yes, we are," replied T. T. modestly, "but we had better make haste."

Though Michel Ardan and he had crossed the plains full with dew, and had taken the shortest route over crests and ricefields, they could not reach Barbican in

under five hours and a half.

Barbicans may have passed the border half an hour ago.

There was an old bushman working there, occupied in selling fagots from trees that had been leveled by his axe. Maston ran toward him, saying, "Have you seen a man go into the wood, armed with a rifle? Barbicans, the president, my best friend!"

The worthy secretary of the Gun Club thought that his president must be known by all the world. But the bushman did not seem to understand him.

"A hunter?" said Ardan.

"A hunter? Yes," replied the bushman.

"Long ago?"

"About an hour."

"Too late!" cried Maston.

"Have you heard any gun?"

"No!"

"Not yet?"

"Not once that I have heard to shoot!"

"What is to be done?"

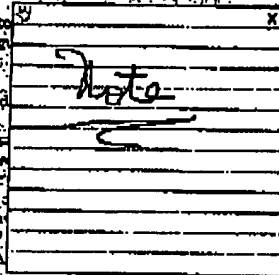
"We must go into the wood which tract I intended for."

"Ah!" cried Maston, in alarm, "I would rather go than see Barbicans!"

"Forward, then," said Ardan.

A few moments later the two friends had disappeared in the copse. It was a dense thicket in which rose huge

oaks, sycamores, tulip-trees, oaks, hickories, etc.



Last Week...

Progress

- Drove aPad meeting with Darryl and got our overall design direction approved.
- Continued daily meetings on aPad project.
- Scheduled meeting with aPad and Neptune teams.
- With Drew, got aPad team up on RAID, and VSS.
- Got NT box in my office up and running, with aPad installed.
- Met with Dave and others about team project archiving. Have defined a basic strategy.
- Provided input in to Pam's home tour brainstorming meeting.
- Attended home scheduling meeting.
- Attended Legal briefing.
- Got briefed on current (and past) demo's produced by the team.

Priorities

- Drive graphic completion for current M2 features in aPad (11/4)
- Drive overall progress for aPad M2 milestones for Pauline's review (11/13)
- Produce first draft proposal for archiving (11/2)
- aPad proto and enter bugs in RAID (first pass 11/2 - ongoing)
- Provide direction and input for directs on projects (on going)
- Plan fun event at home (11/3)

Problems

- none

Postponed

- none

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